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- Applicant's disclosure is directed to "the construction of buildings and other structures" (p. 1, lines 1–2).
- Pages 1–2 of the specification discuss:
  - construction of permanent buildings in third world countries, and rapid construction of military facilities in remote areas
  - limitations of current building materials for such structures
- The permanent nature of the structures built by the claimed invention is reflected by the claim language: "the blank is formed from sheet metal."

- U.S. Patent No. 3,368,316 issued to W.E. Crowder ("Crowder") discloses:
  - children's building blocks
  - a cardboard-like material
  - interlocking means "readily being disengageable to permit the restoration of the block to *flat, unfolded position* for storage and the like." (Col. 2, lines 21–23, emphasis added.)

- The proposed modification of Crowder would render it unsatisfactory for its intended purpose or change the principle of operation of a reference for the following reasons:
  - the use of sheet metal would create sharp edges, and a safety hazard for children's building blocks
  - unlike resilient cardboard, if blocks are formed from sheet metal, the regular folding and unfolding of the tabs and flanges would quickly weaken the portions of the block where the tabs and flanges are connected to the remainder of the block, causing them to break off from the body of the block.
  - forming the readily disengageable blocks of Crowder from metal would make the blocks a lot more difficult to disassemble